

## Directory

### Village of Barrington Hills

112 Algonquin Road  
Barrington Hills, IL 60010-5199

**Web address with e-mail**  
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#### Phone

847-551-3000

#### Village Hall Hours

Monday-Friday  
9:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.

**Director of Administration**  
Robert Kosin

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#### MEETINGS

##### Village Board

4th Monday of the month,  
6:30 PM

##### Equestrian Commission

1st Monday of the month,  
7:00 PM

##### Development Commission

1st Monday of the month,  
5:00 PM

##### E-911 ETSB

2nd Monday of the month,  
6:30 PM

##### Plan Commission

2nd Monday of the month,  
7:30 PM

##### Zoning Board of Appeals

3rd Monday of the month,  
7:30 PM

##### Board of Health

3rd Wednesday of the  
month, 7:30 PM

##### Communications Commission

4th Monday of the month,  
5:30 PM

##### Police Pension Board

4th Monday of the month,  
9:00 AM

All meetings are held in the  
Alexander MacArthur Room of  
the Barrington Hills Village Hall.

*Should you wish to comment at  
any of these meetings, your  
advance notice, by telephoning  
the office of the Village Clerk at  
847-551-3000, is appreciated.*

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# News from Village Hall



Fall 2006

## FROM THE DESK OF THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT

### Fellow Residents:

Welcome to the Fall issue of the Village Newsletter. Through the dog days of summer (that's Newton in the picture), the Village has been working on a variety of issues. These include:

- Land use, zoning and planning--both local and regional
- Road work and drainage upgrades
- Infrastructure enhancement - including cellular phone performance
- Intergovernmental and regional planning efforts
- Work to develop our branding and property value
- Transportation planning
- Budget and finance changes
- Police personnel and equipment upgrades
- Village Hall building and grounds upgrades and repairs

As you can see, a lot has been happening. This issue of the newsletter will give you some detail about these activities.

No doubt you have been reading about the zoning issues regarding the Texas developer, Fritz Duda, who proposes the "Barrington Farms" plan (neither Barrington nor farm). The Village has been very successful at protecting its zoning with a number of significant victories. These include:

- 6-0 vote by the McHenry County ZBA turning down the Barrington Farms plan.
- 6-0 vote by the McHenry County ZBA rejecting the 16 recommendations of McHenry County Planning Department
- The ruling by Judge Sullivan to allow appeal of the foreign corporation issue in Duda I
- The ruling by Judge Sullivan that the Village has affirmative defenses in Duda II
- Recognition by McHenry County that the



disconnection that preceded the Barrington Farms plan negatively impacts regional planning and is not looked on favorably by the County.

- Resolutions against Barrington Farms by Algonquin and Carpentersville, along with support from Fox River Grove.

These events were critical wins for the Village. The matter now has several possible future paths:

1. The Texas developer can elect to have the full County Board vote on the project within the next 4 months.
2. The developer can drop the current plan and make a new plan in front of the McHenry County ZBA, restarting the review process.
3. The developer can return to Barrington Hills and participate in our planning and zoning process.

I believe the consensus of the community and the regional governments is that the Texas developer should follow the third option.

The progress we have made could not have happened without the incredible support of the

Village residents and surrounding communities. Our residents participated in 18 county hearings, collected some 1,400+ signatures against the development, wrote hundreds of letters to the County Board members and the press, and provided the Village with hundreds of hours of research. Our residents were so well versed during the hearings that we decided to have the residents cross examine the petitioners before the Village did. I was truly moved by the dedication of our residents. I also want to acknowledge our Village staff, counsel, and experts.

We have been making similar progress on the Iatarola disconnection and negotiation with Hoffman Estates. The Village was granted summary judgment by Judge Flynn in Cook County ruling that the developer's attempt to interconnect sections of the Village with a thin strip of property to make his disconnection work was insufficient. I am confident that this case will be resolved to the satisfaction of the Village.

Crain's Chicago Business recognized the Village as one of the best places to live in the July 31, 2006 issue. The article illustrated our commitment to open space, our very unique brand, and the rapidly appreciating property values – some 12% this year.

With the start of the new school year, please take extra care while driving. Allow yourself extra time for travel, and NEVER drive around a stopped school bus.

I want to encourage you to take full advantage of the Village WEB site, [www.BarringtonHills-IL.gov](http://www.BarringtonHills-IL.gov). Here you will find all the Village communication, meeting schedules, a fully searchable

version of the Village Code, and all the latest happenings within the Village.

Our Communications Committee is making extensive use of the electronic medium – WEB, E-mail, Blog, etc. While we will continue to use the paper based newsletter for some time, I encourage you to sign up on the Village WEB site for receiving your newsletter by E-mail or WEB as this saves the Village thousands of dollars in processing costs. Most important in our communication efforts is providing effective channels for two-way communication so our residents can participate and be involved in the governing of the Village.

I encourage you to continue to communicate directly with me and the Trustees. I invite you to attend our regular Board and committee meetings and get involved. We have made it easier to speak and interact at the Village Board meeting by moving Public Comment to the top of the agenda. There are still slots available on several committees and I am always looking for more volunteers. We need your feedback and ideas. I can be reached directly either by e-mail or phone and I look forward to hearing from you.



Best Regards,  
Robert G. Abboud  
President, Village of Barrington Hills  
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## VILLAGE LOGO

The revision to the village logo, designed by Susan Hansen Palumbo of Oak Knoll Road, was created to present a more rounded picture of Barrington Hills, while retaining the image which is the official symbol and flag of the Village of Barrington Hills. The horse and rider obviously represent the equestrian community, while the oak tree and the cat tails represent the woodlands and the wetlands of our country village. The finalization of one of the designs below will be decided upon by the Village Board in the upcoming months.



## COMMUNIQUE FROM THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

**D**ear Friends and Neighbors.

Since our last newsletter so many things have happened here in the Village. The Duda/James project was dealt a blow when the McHenry County ZBA voted against it to the tune of 6-0. Many residents in the Village devoted a lot of time and energy working towards this goal--eighteen weeks of listening to testimony, most of which a lot of us had heard before. Making the weekly trip was hard enough, but taking extensive notes takes a lot of commitment.

I know I shouldn't do this but I would like to thank a core group of people: First would be Barbara Kemp. Back when the Duda Corporation first came to the Village with the original plan seven years ago, Barbara started the initial group which eventually morphed into the Save 5 Acres group. She is a voracious note taker and a wealth of knowledge.

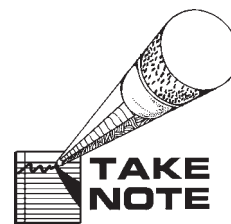
Next to thank would be the citizens who were always at the meetings: Paul Loeber; TJ Mauger; Cliff & Pat Sherwin; Nancy Laterza (whose questioning of the petitioners made "Perry Mason" take notice); Lou Anne Majewski and her daughter Dr. Anne Majewski were always there to give encouragement and share their knowledge; and the Two Village Trustees we could count on seeing, Julie McKeivitt and Fritz Gohl.

Now last, but certainly not least, is a family of relative newcomers to our Village. Frank Cools and his daughters, Dr. Pamela and Linda Cools. This family took on the monumental task of starting a petition drive that took on a life of its own. They did the research and found a wide open loop hole that they drove a truck through. At this time, over 1,350 people have signed the various forms of the petition. It is people like this, who understand the concept of why Barrington Hills is so important to SAVE, that really make our Village work. These people understand the importance of keeping the Village's current form of five acre zoning; keeping open space; respecting the land, the air and the animals who share our community. We owe all of you a huge debt of gratitude.

Other important items that we need to know about:

- The Communications Committee has a new member. Linda Fox has agreed to join our team.
- Patricia Meroni has agreed to take on the huge task of coordinating the 50th Anniversary Project.
- A new Technology Commission has been formed as an "offshoot" of the Communication Committee. Kevin Colosia is the new Chairperson. Over the last few months, Kevin, Barbara Kemp, Bob Kosin and I have been looking into the Cellular coverage in the Village. One site has already been introduced and is in the hearing process right now. It is all very exciting and if okayed will greatly help residents in the riding center area, the forest preserve and hopefully be just the first of many improvements to come. By the way, Kevin is looking for some willing volunteers to serve on his Commission. Contact Kevin at KColosia@comcast.net.
- A NEW website has been launched to work in conjunction with the newsletter. We hope to keep this site filled with up to date information so you will always have the information about what is happening in a very timely manner. Look for weekly updates on the issues. Hopefully some of the special interest groups will have a link so you get to know them better, and perhaps meet new friends that maybe want to play volleyball! Thank you Dan Mjsolness, Vicki Kelly and Neal Waltmire for getting this up and moving. The site is still experiencing growing pains, but rest assured we won't stop working till it's perfect! You can find us at [www.vbhcomm.info](http://www.vbhcomm.info) or go to the Village site and click on Community Links.

Till next time,  
Beth Mallen  
Communications Chairperson  
[bhcommunication@comcast.net](mailto:bhcommunication@comcast.net)



## POSITIVE CASE OF WEST NILE VIRUS



**A** dead Blue Jay was found at a residence in Spring Creek Hills. McHenry County was notified, which came and picked up the bird for testing at no charge. It tested positive for West Nile Virus. Please alert friends and neighbors of this finding.

Those at highest risk for serious illness are the elderly and those with lowered immune systems. However, people of all ages can develop serious illness, so it is important for everyone to protect themselves from mosquito bites to minimize the risk of infection. Continue to use mosquito repellent, wear long sleeves and long pants and eliminate mosquito breeding sites.

For more information, go to <http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile/index.htm>

## POLICE DEPARTMENT WELCOMES NEW HIRES

**T**he Village of Barrington Hills Police Department is pleased to announce the hiring of three new employees in our Police Department: Officer Sabas Parada, Police Assistant Stephanie Nielsen and Police Assistant Cheryl Romano.



**Officer Parada** attended St. Ambrose University on a soccer scholarship before transferring to Rock Valley College and Rockford College. He has been a police officer since 1997 and was previously employed by the Rockford Park District Police. In addition to patrol duties, Officer Parada has experience in investigations, undercover work and speaks Spanish. His hobbies include playing soccer, painting, and World War II reenactment. Officer Parada resides in Rockton with his wife and two daughters.



*Officer Sabas Parada*



*Police Assistants Cheryl Romano (right) and Stephanie Nielsen (left)*

**Police Assistant Stephanie Nielsen** is new to dispatching, coming to the Department with a Marketing and Graphic Design background. She graduated with a BA in Advertising and a minor in Sociology from Roosevelt University. Police Assistant Nielsen is familiar with the Barrington Hills area, having grown up in McHenry County. She currently resides in Kane County.

**Police Assistant Cheryl Romano** is also new to dispatching. She has earned her BA in Design from Columbia College Chicago. Police Assistant Romano grew up in Des Plaines, where her family owned a restaurant. She has three children: twin girls recently out of college, and a son who is a college freshman. Police Assistant Romano currently resides in Bloomingdale.

## CELLULAR UPDATE

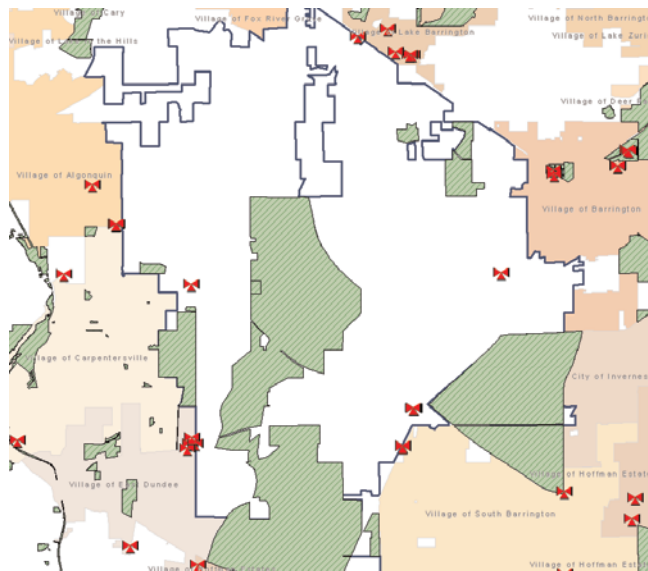
**Kevin Colosia**  
**Chairman, Technology Review Committee**

The May issue of the Newsletter reported on the results of the Residents' survey regarding satisfaction with cellular service in the Village. As the survey results indicated, satisfaction with cellular coverage within the Village, especially the Forest Preserve, is barely acceptable. Good cellular coverage within the Village is an important consideration for public safety, business productivity, and lifestyle considerations.

During the second quarter, representatives of the Technology and Communications Committees held individual meetings with each of the five cellular carriers currently serving Village residents. These meetings provided a better understanding of the cellular coverage issues, and what improvements were needed. The carriers reported that coverage is spotty in some areas due to inadequate cell sites within the interior of our 28 Sq. Mile Village. The map shows the Village boundaries and the location of ALL of the carriers' cell towers (marked in red) near the Village. While the Village has numerous towers on its periphery, there is an absence of cell sites within the Village, leading to poor coverage in some areas. Complications to improving coverage also include rolling terrain and heavily wooded areas, as well as large Forest Preserve tracts (shown in green on the map). Each of the carriers also provided information in where they would like to place additional sites within the Village.

As a result of these meetings with carriers, a search is underway to find up to four locations that can be used as multi-carrier cell sites. Unfortunately, our Village lacks tall structures such as water towers or tall buildings to act as platforms for cell antennas, so new towers will be needed in most cases. An application to construct the first new tower at the Riding Center on Bateman Road was filed with the Village in late July. However, the Zoning Board of Appeals, at their September 18th meeting, voted to defer a positive recommendation on the application in the absence of a fuller understanding of how the first tower would be a part of a resolution for the village as a whole.

Additional sites in other areas of the Village are currently being identified, and will be discussed in subsequent Newsletters. If you would like additional information on cellular within our Village, please go to [www.VBHcomm.info](http://www.VBHcomm.info) and click on Cellular.



In August, Cingular announced that it would encourage users to migrate to newer cell phones by charging higher rates on older phones still in use (analog and TDMA). Also, please note that older cellular handsets (those manufactured before 2003) do not have Global Positioning System (GPS) location capability. GPS equipped phones automatically forward the geographic location of the cellular 911 caller to the Village Police Dispatch Center, which has the technology to accurately process and locate a GPS enabled caller. Now may be a good time to trade in those older phones...

## VOLUNTEERS WANTED:

The Village has formed a Technology Review Committee to look into various products and services that may be of interest to the Village and its Residents. If you are interested in volunteering some of your time to help out, please contact Kevin Colosia at (847) 842 9500 or [KColosia@Comcast.net](mailto:KColosia@Comcast.net)



## TRUSTEE UPDATE—

Fritz Gohl, Trustee  
Public Safety

**T**he influenza (Flu) season is fast approaching, of which I believe we are all aware. But how many of us know what is a Pandemic Flu and how can we protect ourselves and our family? A Pandemic Flu is a global outbreak of Flu that involves a new Flu virus. The Flu strain that causes the pandemic spreads quickly and easily from person to person because people are unlikely to have immunity against it. Vaccines are not readily available when the new strain strikes. It takes four to six months to make a new vaccine after the new Flu strain is identified. Scientists and health officials believe the Avian (Bird) Flu may be the cause of the next Pandemic Flu.

While the Avian Flu is most common among birds, thus the nick name “Bird Flu”, there have been reported cases in which a particular Flu strain has evolved and infected humans. Symptoms of Bird Flu in humans range from typical Flu-like symptoms (e.g., fever, cough, sore throat, and muscle aches) to eye infections, pneumonia and severe respiratory diseases.

While there are two drugs on the market to treat seasonal and Avian Flu, we all need to work towards minimizing the risk of infection. Some precautions to take are as follows:

- Avoid touching wildlife. If there is contact, be sure to wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds immediately thereafter. Do not eat, drink, smoke or rub your eyes until after washing your hands.
- Do not pick up dead wildlife. Contact the appropriate natural resource agency.
- Cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze.
- Do not go to work when you are ill.
- Do not send your child to school if he/she is ill.
- Avoid contact with those who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth at all times.

Theodore L. Horne, Trustee  
Health, Environment, Buildings and Grounds

**H**health: The Board of Health (BoH), consisting of Doctors (both PhD-type and MD-type) meets monthly, as needed, to examine and discuss health issues that are of concern in the Village of Barrington Hills. In addition they provide a highly qualified board of experts. Dr. Conibear’s presentation in July of the Board of Health findings on spray irrigation of septic effluent was an important factor in the Duda testimony before the McHenry County Zoning Board of Appeals. The BoH also reviews all subdivision septic plans to ensure the safety of the public health.

**Environment:** One of the major environmental issues for the Village of Barrington Hills is the Flint Creek Watershed which drains a significant part of the Village before it travels on into Lake Barrington, North Barrington, and ultimately the Fox River. Currently the Flint Creek Watershed Partnership is participating with the Lake County Stormwater Management Commission on a complete survey of Flint Creek (even the Cook County portion) to determine what steps might be needed to restore the creek as a valuable water resource. The Partnership (in which Barrington Hills is a participating member) also recently applied for a \$100,000 Environmental Protection Agency grant to move ahead with projects which will be identified in the future.

Between Health and the Environment fit the garbage/recycling issues. We receive a monthly report from Groot – the major hauler in the Village. This year, as of July, Village residents had put nearly 214 tons of glass, plastic, paper, and metals back into the usage stream, diverting that amount from strained landfills.

**Buildings:** The Village Hall has a sorely-needed new roof. The shingles were chosen to match closely with those on the adjacent Fire Department building. In addition, a new sturdy fascia was added all the way around the building. Other than staining the wood fence that shields the air conditioning condensers from public view, no other work is planned for the building exterior this fiscal season. While there are plans in the works to replace 20 year-old carpeting and Meeting Room tables that are in danger of collapsing at any moment, budget constraints have put a temporary hold on interior improvements.

**Grounds:** The *ad hoc* Grounds Committee – former Trustee Lorraine Briggs, former Trustee Daria Sapp – works diligently to keep the trees, shrubs, and grass in presentable condition. Frequent “clean-ups” are necessary to get the pesky thistles and other weeds out of the beds. If one or more of Barrington Hills fine gardeners could volunteer some regular time to maintaining the beds, some of our maintenance costs could be saved. Call Lorraine at 381-3931 if you are interested and can take direction.

## TRUSTEE UPDATE—

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### Steve Knoop, Trustee Planning and Development Commissions

Steve Knoop is the Trustee liaison to both the Planning and the Development Commission. There have been five (5) major initiatives that cross boundaries between Planning and Development. Most significant is the Iatarola vs. the Village case where the village won a summary judgement stopping the developer from disconnection. On the other end of the spectrum, the small Gold Cup subdivision was approved with two (2) large lots.

The Horizon Farms property is for sale and protections put in place by the McGinley family through the Conservation Trust will allow development while preserving open space. The family should be commended for their foresight.

The Village is still in negotiations with Barrington regarding the Wamberg property due to a change in developers during the process. There are other key large parcels of land within the village going through Commission proceedings in various stages.

The Duda James Barrington Farms proposal is still working its way through McHenry County government. They have 4 months from the ZBA 6 to 0 decision against them to go to the County Board or go back to the ZBA.

In all cases, recent successes can be attributed in large part to the Comprehensive Plan that was significantly rewritten in 2005.

Background: The Planning Commission develops and maintains the Village Comprehensive Plan which can be found online at the Village Website. The mission of the Development Commission is to assist all landowners within the planning jurisdiction of the Village of Barrington Hills with their individual land-use plans to ensure consistency with the Comprehensive Plan (of the) Village of Barrington Hills.

### Julie McKeivitt, Trustee Roads and Bridges

In record breaking speed we finished the 2006/07 Roads and Bridges Construction Program in August! Road work was performed on Ridge Rd., Honeycutt Rd., Hills and Dales Rd., Haegers Bend Rd., Spring Lane, and Little Bend Rd. All of the road work was completed within budget, but the bridge work at Cuba Rd. proved to be a little trickier, and costlier than originally anticipated. This job was delayed a few weeks because once the original asphalt and concrete decking was removed, we found the water penetration to be worse than expected. This required additional concrete work to be done. The good news is that the work performed this year will increase the lifespan of this bridge by 15-20 years! I would like to extend my appreciation to all of the residents for their patience, and my thanks to the Village engineers and the contractors for all of their hard work, and expertise!

This year's bridge work prompted us to accept a proposal to perform a bridge and culvert condition survey for the rest of the bridges within the Village. I have no doubt that the results of this forthcoming survey will present us with conditions that will need to be addressed in 2007/08 construction season.

In September the Board of Trustees will have awarded the 2006/07 Miscellaneous Drainage Program. Work involved will be replacement of existing culverts and shoulder drainage work at Lakeview Ln. and Rt. 68, Dundee Ln. and Rt. 68, Steeplechase Rd., Hawley Woods Rd. at Old Dundee Rd., and Ridge Rd. at Pheasant Ln. Motor Fuel Tax funds (MFT) will be used for this portion of the work.

The Cook County Highway Department performed much needed resurfacing this season to Old Sutton Rd. from Rt. 72 to Lake Cook Rd., and on Donlea Rd. from Old Sutton Rd. to Lake Cook Rd. All of this work was done within the budget of the Cook County Highway Department and with their personnel.

The Village held a public meeting on September 14, 2006 to give our residents an opportunity to review engineering documents and provide public testimony on a new proposed 25 mph standard for the Village of Barrington Hills. Hopefully you had an opportunity to attend and provide input, if not please feel free to let the Board of Trustees know what you think about this. Please check the Village website to see when the Board will have this topic on the agenda.

And lastly pre season snow meetings are being held with IDOT, Cuba Township, Algonquin Township, and McHenry County officials to prepare for the upcoming snow plowing season.

As always, I am available to help with any questions or concerns you may have so please feel free to call me at 847-458-4540.

## TRUSTEE UPDATE—

**Walter E. Smithe, III, Trustee  
Finance**



***President Abboud presenting Joanne Sladek with an honorary plaque.***



***Rosemary Ryba***

Joanne Sladek, long serving treasurer of our village, retired earlier this summer. At the August Village Board Meeting President Abboud presented her with an honorary plaque as well as some very kind words recognizing her long service to the village. It was wonderful to see Ms. Sladek, who has always had many interests outside of work, looking so well and enjoying her retirement. The Finance Committee and Board of Trustees are pleased to announce the probationary hiring of Rosemary Ryba as a trainee to fill Ms. Sladek's position. Ms. Ryba brings a solid background in accounting as well as great enthusiasm for the challenge of learning this important job. She is very much looking forward to serving our residents as she gets up to speed and be sure to say hi to her when you visit Village Hall.

On another note, the various battles the Village is fighting with developers have been very costly. For about 18 months now the Village has basically been on a war budget with the overall financial situation deteriorating somewhat. The Trustees have unanimously supported President Abboud's legal strategy and are committed to stay the course through satisfactory resolution. The Finance Committee is monitoring the situation closely to make sure that funds are available to carry on our strategy and maintain the reserves necessary to run the Village. As these matters are resolved I have my fellow Trustees' commitment to focus as diligently on rebuilding our finances as we have in pursuing our legal strategy.

Ms. Ryba and I remain at your service should you have any questions or comments about Village Finances. Walter E. Smithe, Trustee 847-382-8867 or Rosemary Ryba, Village Treasurer Trainee 847-551-3002

**George L. Schueppert, Trustee  
Building, Zoning and Insurance**

Over the past several months, the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) has held informational meetings on two matters of broad impact on the village – forestation/landscaping and permitted building size on residential property.

In the case of forestation, the ZBA has heard from experts on natural landscaping, particularly as that relates to trees, and the efforts of communities in the northeastern Illinois area to govern the treatment of trees and other natural landscaping. The Board has also heard from local residents on the issue. Copies of ordinances from other municipalities will be studied for scope and language to assist the ZBA in drafting a possible ordinance that would provide direction and limitations in this area of concern. Once the Board is in a position to present its views, there will be a public hearing on the subject. In the meantime, should any resident have a view on the subject, it would be helpful to the ZBA for such views to be communicated to them.

Another area of focus for the Board is an examination of the existing ordinance governing permitted square footage of all structures on a residential lot. The critical measure for residents to be aware of is the "floor area ratio," which limits the amount of permitted

# TRUSTEE UPDATE—

George L. Schueppert, Trustee cont.

construction on a lot. For example, an R-1 property (5 acres) covers a minimum of 217,800 square feet of what is called “gross lot area” in our Zoning Code. We are allowed a floor area ratio of 0.05 square feet of building floor area for each square foot of gross lot area on an R-1 lot. Therefore, a 5-acre lot would be permitted to have 10,890 square feet of floor space on or above the lot’s “finished lot grade level” (a somewhat complicated process is used to determine this critical measure). The issue of what constitutes an appropriate “finished lot grade level” has been raised by some residents of the village following concerns that some homes have been constructed in violation of the spirit if not the letter of the ordinance by moving soil around so as to eliminate a lower level in a structure from consideration in the floor area ratio. The ZBA has heard from engineers and other experts on the subject, and will be holding at least one relevant public hearing before submitting its recommendations to the Village Board on the matter.

The permitted square footage for buildings on lots in the village is:

R-1 -- 5 Acres -- 0.05 FAR -- 10,890.0 Square Feet  
 R-2 -- 3 Acres -- 0.08 FAR -- 10,454.4 Square Feet  
 R-3 -- 2 Acres -- 0.12 FAR -- 10,454.4 Square Feet  
 R-4 -- 1 Acre\* -- 0.15 FAR -- 6,534.0 Square Feet

\* An acre is 43,560 square feet

Again, any resident who feels they have a contribution to make to the process is asked to communicate their thoughts to the ZBA within the next several weeks.

Another matter before the ZBA is the question of what form of cellular telephone towers should be permitted within the village’s limits and where they should be permitted. An application is currently before the ZBA for a permit to build a 190-foot tall single-pole steel tower on land belonging to the Barrington Countryside Park District in the southwestern portion of the village. The village’s Communication Committee has been studying the problem of poor cellular phone service in parts of the village, and believes additional towers are necessary in order to provide residents with adequate service. The question before the ZBA, therefore, is whether each potential site is to be treated on an individual basis or whether there should a “sense of the village” on the esthetics/appearances of any towers to be erected within village limits. Here again, residents are invited to offer their views to the ZBA as it deliberates this issue.

Residents who wish to comment on any of the above, or any other relevant matters, are invited to attend a regular meeting of the board. Dates of the ZBA’s future meetings are on the village’s website.

## Insurance Committee

The village’s insurance program has two major components – risk insurance and healthcare. The risk portion of our coverage breaks down into a number of elements, each with its own limits. Barrington Hills maintains coverage felt to be appropriate to the size of our village, the number of employees we have, and the nature of activity within village limits. The coverage and the policies are reviewed and renewed each year.

Our various risk policies cost the village approximately \$90,000 per year, and include coverage in the following categories:

- General property (a \$3.3 million limit)
- Automobile physical damage (primarily for our police vehicles)
- Automobile liability (\$1 million limit)
- General liability (a \$2 million limit)
- Public entity management liability (a \$1 million limit)
- Employment practices liability (a \$1 million limit)
- Law enforcement liability (a \$1 million limit)
- Employee benefits liability (a \$1 million limit)
- Umbrella coverage for excess liability (a \$10 million limit)
- Excess liability coverage over \$10 million (\$20 million excess coverage, for a total of \$30 million in protection for the village)

The village also maintains workers compensation insurance through the Illinois Public Risk Fund. The premium on this insurance is experienced-determined, meaning that we’ll pay according to the amount of claims that are made under our policy. We expect this program will cost about \$10,000 in the current fiscal year.

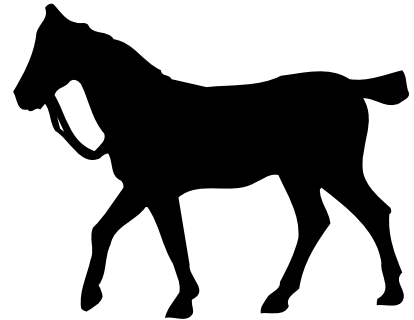
The largest component of the village’s insurance program is for healthcare coverage for our 33 staff members. A PPO medical and prescription program is in place, as is a life insurance program for employees. The village does not provide dental coverage nor does it make available a pre-tax flexible spending option for staff. The insurance program runs from July 1st each year through the following June 30th. Total costs this past year were about \$600,000, and are expected to rise to about \$700,000 in the fiscal year ending April 30, 2007. A committee composed of six staff members is underway with a detailed review of alternative plan possibilities, and is looking toward making recommendations before 2006 is over.

## EQUESTRIAN COMMISSION

We've grown! Emily McHugh and Jane Clement have been nominated and appointed by the Board of Trustees, during September's Board Meeting, to join the Equestrian Commission. This will expand the current number of members from three to five people. John Hart, Dara Valin and I are happy to have them on board.

In addition, the Equestrian Commission is happy to announce that Gold Cup Development has agreed to incorporate equestrian trails along three of the four sides of its development. This development is located off Braeburn Lane, running along the power lines.

Warm regards,  
Dan Lundmark  
Equestrian Commission Chairman



## "NEIGHBORLY"

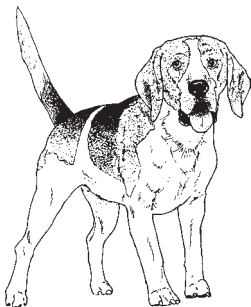
How many of us hear this three syllable word and realize its true meaning? According to Merriam-Webster's Dictionary, Neighborly is defined as *relating to, or characteristic of congenial neighbors; friendly*. We in Barrington Hills are fortunate to have an ordinance that still allows us to build fires on our property. The ordinance defines when, how and what we can burn. We need to be neighborly and remember that our fires:

- Cannot exceed 5 feet x 5 feet x 5 feet in dimension
- Cannot burn for more than three hours in a 24 hour period
- Cannot be less than 50 feet from any structure
- Need to be accompanied by extinguishing equipment
- Require constant attendance until the fire is permanently extinguished

We need to be neighborly and remember the privilege of open burning pertaining to recreational fires and bonfires, does have limitations on what we can burn:

- Seasoned dry firewood
- Landscape waste such as grass; shrubbery cuttings; leaves; materials accumulated from lawns, vines and trees
- Untreated or unpainted lumber or scrap wood

Burning unlawful materials such as refuse, construction debris, treated or painted wood, or even carcasses of dead animals introduces undue soot, smoke and harmful pollutants into the air that can effect not only our health but our neighbors' as well. Let's enjoy the Autumn season in a safe, healthy and neighborly environment by following the ordinance guidelines.



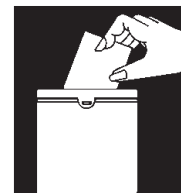
Likewise, those of us who own dogs need to be neighborly and keep in mind the peace of our neighbors. Hard as it may be to fathom, not everyone enjoys our dogs as much as we do. A change in the Village Animal Regulations has extended the barking ordinance from a 12 to 24 hour period. Dog(s) should not be continuously barking for more than 20 minutes in a 24 hour period.

It is vital that our beloved dogs are not endangered when they approach wildlife and/or strangers. Barking is one means for our dogs to get our attention. Let's remember to pay prompt attention to their alerts for their safety as well as ours.

## REGISTERING TO VOTE

Registering to vote has never been easier or more convenient. To register, you must be:

- \* A US citizen
- \* At least 18 years old by Election Day
- \* A resident of your precinct at least 30 days prior to an election



For the November 7th, 2006 Primary Election, regular voter registration ends October 10, 2006. Methods to register during the normal registration period include visiting the County Clerk's office; Board of Election's Office; a village, city or township clerk; mailing an application to the County Clerk's Office; or at the Illinois Secretary of State's Drivers License Facility when renewing or obtaining a drivers license.

A new law called Grace Period Registration and Voting extends the regular registration deadline by 14 days, allowing voters to register up to two weeks before an election. There are guidelines, though, that determine when and where you can vote if you sign up during that time.

Grace-period registration and voting is from October 11, 2006 through October 24, 2006. A registrant can only register in person at the office of their election authority. Two pieces of identification need to be provided. Grace period voters must vote in the office of the election authority or vote absentee by mail. They are not allowed to vote at the polls on Election Day or vote at any early voting sites.

For more information on Grace Period Registration, contact the election authority in your county or visit [www.elections.il.gov](http://www.elections.il.gov).

## WHO KNEW?

An open house was held September 14th to discuss the issue of speed limits within our village. There was a common misconception as to which roads were County, IDOT (Illinois Department of Transportation) and Village maintained roads.

County roads include Bateman, Brinker, Donlea, Old Bartlett, Old Sutton, Penny and Otis Roads. Any questions or concerns regarding these roads may be directed to Wally S. Kos, P.E., Director of the Cook County Highway Department, 312-603-1600.



IDOT roads are Algonquin Road (Route 62), Lake Cook Road, Dundee Road (Rt. 68), Hawthorne Road (Rt. 59), and Route 25. These roadways are maintained by District One, 201 West Center, Schaumburg, IL 60196. Phone number is 847-705-4000. Please contact District One with any questions or concerns on these roadways.

If your road is not listed above, it is either a Village maintained road or a private road.

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